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Treasury Department,

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Washington, D. C., March 25, 1891.

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My letter of August last authorized the purchase of only twenty tons, at not exceeding fifteen and one-half cents per pound, and I am unable to find from the records where any subsequent authority was given you for the purchase of copper. I have this day purchased from the Baltimore Copper, Smelting and Rolling Company ten tons copper, which is to be delivered to you free of all charges, at the rate of thirteen and one-quarter cents per pound, and I am advised that the shipment will be made today.

You are authorized to pay for the same from the appropriation for the coinage of silver bullion.

Respectfully yours,

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